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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6311

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LA, UR

SUBJECT: LAO LEADER TO VISIT MOSCOW

REF MOSCOW 5292 (061514Z APR 76)

1. SIENG PASASON ANNOUNCED APRIL 7, AND FOREIGN MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED APRIL 8 CONFIRMED, THAT KAYSONE PHOMVIHAN, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY AND PRIME MINISTER OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF LAOS, WILL LEAD A PARTY/GOVERNMENT DELEGATION ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION ABOUT THE END OF APRIL.

2. OTHER MEMBERS OF DELEGATION NOT YET ANNOUNCED.

3. WHILE WE AGREE THAT THE POSSIBLE REASONS FOR THE VISIT CITED IN REFTEL PROBABLY APPLY, WE THINK THE MAIN REASON IS
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SIMPLY THAT KAYSONE HAS ALREADY MADE OFFICIAL VISITS (PARTY AND

GOVERNMENT) TO HANOI AND PEKING WHILE HIS RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOW WAS SOLELY OR PRIMARILY TO ATTEND THE SOVIET PARTY CONGRESS AND NOT THEREFORE QUITE UP TO THE LEVEL OF THE OTHER TWO. JAPANESE COUNSELOR, WHO HAD PRESUMABLY BEEN TALKING TO SOVIETS, TOLD US RECENTLY THAT SUCH A VISIT WAS IN THE OFFING AND WAS BEING MADE SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE TRIP TO SOVIET PARTY CONGRESS WAS BY LAO "PARTY" DELEGATION ONLY, NOT "PARTY/GOVERNMENT" DELEGATION AS WILL BE THE CASE THIS MONTH. CORCORAN

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